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State's Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate Remains Two Points Below the Nation's in December

Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from November at 4.4 percent, down from 4.9 percent a year ago. Minnesota's seasonally adjusted rate continues to be two percentage points below the national one of 6.4 percent, down from 6.5 percent in November and 7.3 percent a year ago.

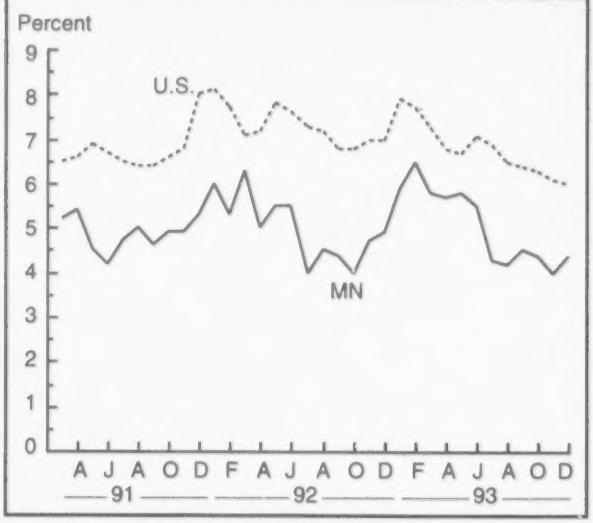
The unadjusted rates for Minnesota were 4.4 percent in December, 4 percent in November, and 4.9 percent a year ago. The corresponding national rates were 6 percent in December, 6.1 percent in November, and 7 percent a year ago.

This is the lowest December unemployment rate in the past four years. Minnesota's employment situation remains strong despite normal layoffs during December as construction work is cut back.

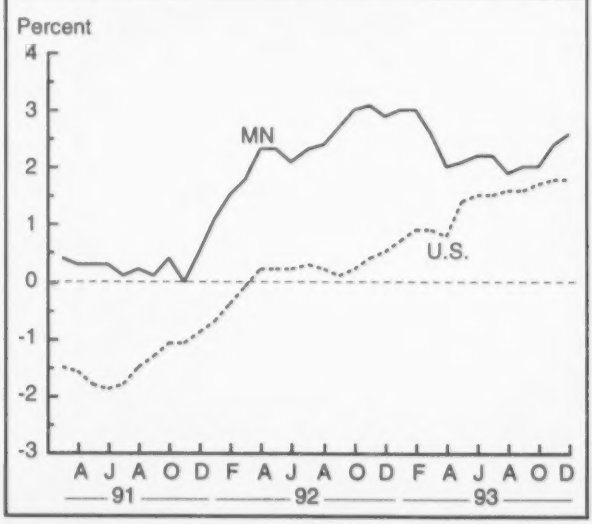
Regionally, the average unemployment rate was lowest in the seven-county Twin Cities region at 3.3 percent, unchanged from November, and highest in the northwest corner at 8.2 percent. Four counties shared the lowest December unemployment rate of 3.1 percent - Blue Earth, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey. The unemployment rate rose to 16.6 percent, the highest rate among the counties, in Clearwater County from 13 percent in November.

From a separate monthly survey of employers, the number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Minnesota was up 57,200 from a year ago. This is almost 10 percent greater than the ten-year average job increase from December to December. The service industry continues to produce large employment gains with business and health services each adding over 5,000 jobs in the past year. The nation had a 1.8 percent increase from a year ago compared to the state's 2.6 percent increase.

Monthly Unemployment Rate: U.S. and MN (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Total Nonfarm Jobs, U.S. and MN Percent Change From Year Ago

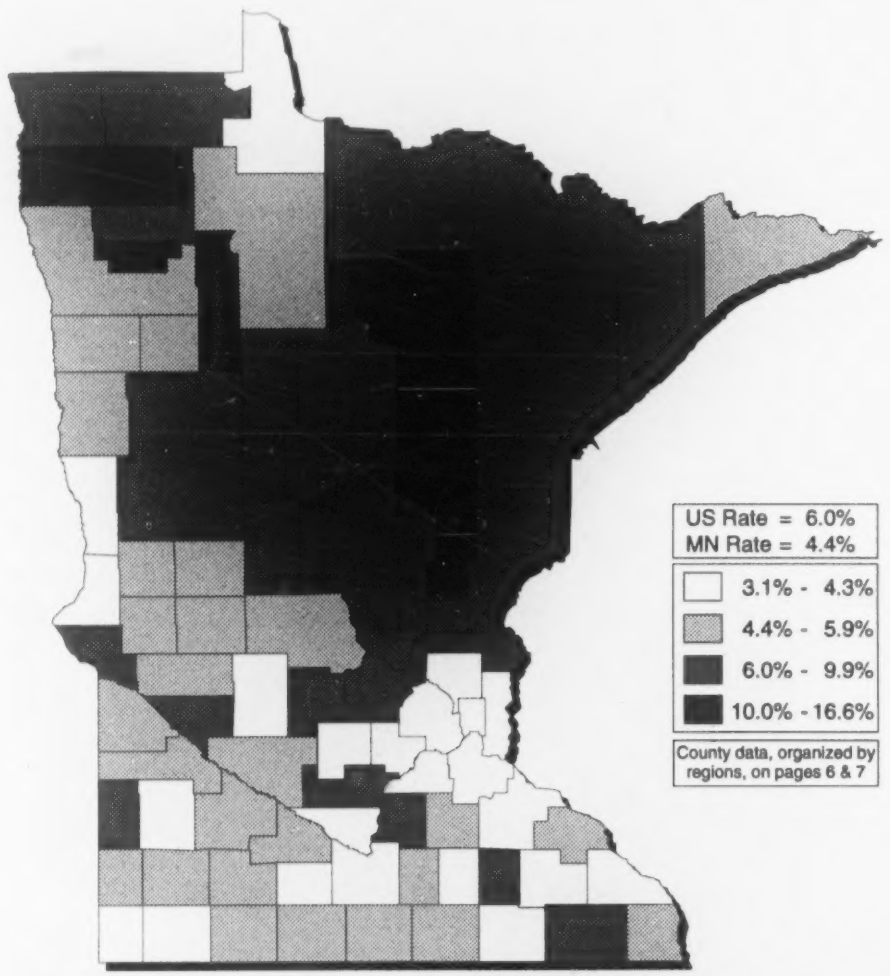


Metropolitan area job growth over the past year was:

St. Cloud	Increase of 3,400 jobs or 3.8 percent
Minneapolis-St.Paul	Increase of 29,700 jobs or 2.1 percent
Rochester	Increase of 300 jobs or 0.4 percent
Duluth-Superior	Increase of 300 jobs or 0.3 percent

The number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs remained virtually unchanged from November to December. Typically, there is an average decline of 4,400 jobs between these two months. Employment declines occurred in construction of 8,200 and in government of 2,200. The decline in government was in state government education and in other local government.

Minnesota Unemployment Rates by County
December 1993
(not seasonally adjusted)



Employer Survey of Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Dec 1993	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993	Dec 1992
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	2285.7	2285.9	2228.5	0.0	2.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	482.5	490.3	476.1	-1.6	1.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	6.8	7.4	7.0	-7.8	-3.3	735.49	656.85	44.2	40.9	16.64	16.06
Metal Mining	5.4	5.5	5.8	-1.6	-7.0	772.52	674.73	44.5	40.5	17.36	16.66
Construction	75.5	83.8	72.4	-9.8	4.3	707.14	708.79	38.1	38.5	18.56	18.41
Manufacturing	400.1	399.2	396.6	0.2	0.9	522.50	511.18	41.8	41.9	12.50	12.20
Durable Goods	225.0	224.4	224.3	0.3	0.3	541.45	524.57	42.5	42.1	12.74	12.46
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	23.1	23.0	22.5	0.3	2.7	565.24	571.54	40.9	41.0	13.82	13.94
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	7.5	8.0	7.2	-6.3	4.5	594.69	556.37	45.5	43.5	13.07	12.79
Primary Metals	6.3	6.2	5.9	1.6	6.9	606.56	541.87	44.6	42.4	13.60	12.78
Fabricated Metals	30.5	30.3	32.0	0.7	-4.8	581.83	560.10	42.5	42.4	13.69	13.21
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	73.6	72.9	72.9	1.0	0.9	595.78	582.22	42.8	43.0	13.92	13.54
Computer and Office Equipment	29.8	29.7	30.8	0.3	-3.5	690.46	671.35	43.1	45.3	16.02	14.82
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	30.6	30.3	30.5	0.8	0.3	439.69	431.00	42.4	42.8	10.37	10.07
Transportation Equipment	11.9	12.1	11.1	-1.8	7.0	538.82	510.82	43.7	40.8	12.33	12.52
Instruments and Related Products	32.9	32.9	34.4	0.0	-4.2	479.10	456.62	42.1	41.1	11.38	11.11
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	8.7	8.6	7.8	0.3	10.3	439.50	436.05	40.1	40.3	10.96	10.82
Nondurable Goods	175.1	174.8	172.3	0.2	1.6	500.20	493.79	41.0	41.6	12.20	11.87
Food and Beverage Products	50.6	51.0	49.9	-0.8	1.5	446.37	445.17	41.6	42.6	10.73	10.45
Textile Mill Products and Apparel	5.1	5.2	4.9	-0.6	4.8	335.66	330.96	37.8	39.4	8.88	8.40
Paper and Allied Products	33.0	33.0	33.2	0.1	-0.7	633.18	617.95	42.1	42.5	15.04	14.54
Printing and Publishing	54.0	53.8	53.4	0.5	1.2	477.40	472.80	38.5	39.4	12.40	12.00
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	12.7	12.6	12.8	0.4	-0.4	706.73	660.70	44.9	43.9	15.74	15.05
Rubber, Plastics and Leather Products	19.6	19.3	18.2	1.7	8.0	461.58	454.01	42.0	41.5	10.99	10.94
SERVICE PRODUCING	1803.2	1795.6	1752.4	0.4	2.9	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	109.7	109.5	109.9	0.2	-0.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	75.3	75.0	75.3	0.4	0.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	28.3	28.3	27.6	0.1	2.7	448.14	429.23	38.5	36.1	11.64	11.89
Communications and Utilities	34.4	34.5	34.7	-0.4	-0.8	682.99	658.72	38.5	36.8	17.74	17.90
Trade	551.8	547.5	544.0	0.8	1.4	274.63	270.19	29.0	29.4	9.47	9.19
Wholesale Trade	134.8	134.7	132.5	0.1	1.7	473.55	466.29	38.5	38.6	12.30	12.08
Retail Trade	417.0	412.8	411.5	1.0	1.4	216.98	212.53	26.3	26.7	8.25	7.96
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	16.7	17.0	17.8	-1.6	-5.7	358.79	330.56	33.5	32.6	10.71	10.14
General Merchandise Stores	63.8	62.8	64.1	1.6	-0.4	226.44	223.85	28.7	29.3	7.89	7.64
Food Stores	56.4	55.5	56.4	1.6	0.0	249.61	261.94	28.3	29.3	8.82	8.94
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	44.4	44.4	43.3	0.2	2.7	328.15	323.00	33.9	34.0	9.68	9.50
Apparel and Accessories Stores	21.5	21.0	20.5	2.4	4.7	150.10	138.38	23.6	22.5	6.36	6.15
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	16.9	16.4	15.4	2.6	9.6	330.56	293.61	32.0	32.3	10.33	9.09
Eating and Drinking Places	137.3	137.2	135.4	0.1	1.3	134.87	131.84	20.1	20.6	6.71	6.40
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	138.1	137.2	131.4	0.6	5.1						
Finance	62.3	62.0	58.6	0.6	6.3						
Insurance	52.0	51.8	49.9	0.4	4.2						
Real Estate	23.7	23.4	22.9	1.3	3.8						
Services	637.6	633.1	609.7	0.7	4.6						
Personal Services	25.0	24.8	24.6	0.6	1.4						
Business Service	120.7	119.0	110.8	1.5	8.9						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	24.3	23.9	23.8	1.8	2.2						
Health Services	186.5	185.5	181.5	0.5	2.8						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	47.7	47.0	46.8	1.3	1.8						
Hospitals	56.6	56.7	56.8	-0.1	-0.3						
Legal Services	16.3	16.2	16.2	0.6	0.8						
Private Educational Services	36.5	36.4	36.2	0.3	0.7						
Government	366.0	368.2	357.3	-0.6	2.4						
Federal Government	34.7	34.5	34.4	0.5	0.7						
State Government	85.7	87.2	84.5	-1.7	1.3						
State Government Education	48.7	50.3	47.6	-3.2	2.2						
Local Government	245.7	246.5	238.4	-0.3	3.1						
Local Government Education	134.8	134.2	130.7	0.4	3.1						

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Employer Survey of Twin Cities Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Dec 1993	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993	Dec 1992
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	1455.9	1453.9	1426.2	0.1	2.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	303.9	307.1	303.7	-1.0	0.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	0.3	0.4	0.3	-22.0	-5.5	721.94	745.67	41.9	46.2	17.23	16.14
Construction	44.9	49.0	43.9	-8.2	2.5	776.48	768.86	38.1	38.1	20.38	20.18
Manufacturing	258.7	257.8	259.5	0.4	-0.3	552.60	540.47	41.8	41.8	13.22	12.93
Durable Goods	149.1	148.5	151.4	0.4	-1.6	569.99	553.92	42.6	41.9	13.38	13.22
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	9.3	9.2	8.6	0.4	7.5	635.50	651.85	41.0	41.1	15.50	15.86
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	2.6	2.8	2.6	-7.1	-0.3	673.86	580.32	45.5	41.6	14.81	13.95
Primary Metals	4.3	4.2	4.1	2.2	4.6	607.45	543.15	44.6	42.5	13.62	12.78
Fabricated Metals	22.4	22.3	23.8	0.4	-6.1	622.99	589.26	42.7	42.0	14.59	14.03
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	49.0	48.8	50.5	0.4	-2.8	608.52	608.33	42.2	42.6	14.42	14.28
Computer and Office Equipment	18.3	18.4	20.0	-0.6	-8.5	629.42	666.23	37.6	42.3	16.74	15.75
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	19.2	19.0	18.8	0.7	2.1	449.83	426.21	42.8	41.1	10.51	10.37
Transportation Equipment	5.9	5.8	5.7	2.1	3.2	646.66	665.41	43.4	42.6	14.90	15.62
Instruments and Related Products	30.5	30.4	31.8	0.3	-4.1	514.61	483.89	43.1	41.5	11.94	11.66
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	5.9	5.8	5.5	0.2	7.2	506.72	498.90	41.5	41.3	12.21	12.08
Nondurable Goods	109.6	109.3	108.1	0.3	1.4	530.40	521.25	40.8	41.6	13.00	12.53
Food and Beverage Products	18.4	18.3	18.7	0.7	-1.6	534.93	539.66	44.1	44.6	12.13	12.10
Paper and Allied Products	25.8	25.8	26.0	0.2	-0.6	570.21	543.54	40.7	41.6	14.01	13.21
Printing and Publishing	38.8	38.6	37.3	0.4	3.9	493.24	482.94	38.0	39.2	12.98	12.32
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	11.0	11.1	11.3	-0.5	-2.3	751.37	697.54	45.4	44.6	16.55	15.64
Rubber and Misc Plastics Products	12.5	12.4	12.1	0.8	3.6	479.12	468.86	42.4	41.9	11.30	11.19
SERVICE PRODUCING	1152.0	1146.8	1122.6	0.5	2.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	75.8	75.6	77.0	0.3	-1.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	54.7	54.4	55.6	0.4	-1.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	17.5	17.4	17.4	0.2	0.3	407.97	378.78	33.8	29.5	12.07	12.84
Communications and Utilities	21.2	21.2	21.3	0.1	-0.8	679.68	628.67	38.4	35.2	17.70	17.86
Trade	349.0	345.7	345.3	0.9	1.1	310.36	301.90	29.9	30.1	10.38	10.03
Wholesale Trade	87.3	87.2	87.1	0.2	0.2	530.40	521.04	39.0	39.0	13.60	13.36
Retail Trade	261.7	258.5	258.2	1.2	1.3	243.63	234.82	27.1	27.4	8.99	8.57
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	9.2	9.3	9.9	-0.7	-6.6	420.53	393.75	32.2	31.3	13.06	12.58
General Merchandise Stores	43.5	42.8	43.4	1.7	0.3	248.24	251.46	29.0	29.9	8.56	8.41
Food Stores	30.6	30.2	30.6	1.1	-0.1	294.41	288.50	30.7	30.4	9.59	9.49
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	25.1	25.1	24.5	-0.1	2.6	391.65	360.98	35.8	35.6	10.94	10.14
Apparel and Accessories Stores	14.9	14.5	13.8	2.9	8.0	148.48	134.59	23.2	21.5	6.40	6.26
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	12.1	11.7	11.3	3.3	7.1	393.34	347.19	32.4	32.6	12.14	10.65
Eating and Drinking Places	87.1	86.8	86.5	0.3	0.6	160.82	154.66	21.5	21.6	7.48	7.16
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	107.7	107.1	102.6	0.6	5.0						
Finance	45.9	45.7	42.8	0.6	7.3						
Insurance	43.3	43.2	41.7	0.3	3.8						
Real Estate	18.5	18.2	18.1	1.5	2.1						
Services	418.7	416.0	400.5	0.6	4.6						
Personal Services	17.2	17.1	16.8	0.6	2.3						
Business Services	100.0	98.8	92.4	1.3	8.3						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	17.6	17.3	17.2	1.9	2.5						
Health Services	107.1	106.6	104.1	0.5	2.9						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	24.6	24.4	24.5	0.9	0.2						
Hospitals	34.4	34.5	34.5	-0.2	-0.2						
Legal Services	13.1	13.1	13.1	0.3	0.2						
Private Educational Services	19.8	19.8	19.5	-0.2	1.7						
Government	200.7	202.3	197.2	-0.8	1.8						
Federal Government	21.7	21.6	21.8	0.6	-0.2						
State Government	55.6	56.0	54.9	-0.8	1.2						
State Government Education	31.8	32.4	31.3	-1.9	1.7						
Local Government	123.4	124.7	120.5	-1.0	2.5						
Local Government Education	69.2	68.9	67.4	0.4	2.7						

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Employer Survey of St. Cloud MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Dec 1993	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Nov 1993	Dec 1992
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	91,020	91,091	87,652	-0.1	3.8
Goods Producing	19,322	19,669	18,785	-1.8	2.9
Construction and Mining	3,827	4,256	3,520	-10.1	8.7
Manufacturing	15,495	15,413	15,265	0.5	1.5
Durable Goods	8,621	8,556	8,484	0.8	1.6
Nondurable Goods	6,874	6,857	6,781	0.2	1.4
Service Producing	71,698	71,422	68,867	0.4	4.1
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	4,270	4,243	4,152	0.6	2.8
Trade	27,321	27,205	26,086	0.4	4.7
Wholesale Trade	4,730	4,730	4,370	0.0	8.2
Retail Trade	22,591	22,475	21,716	0.5	4.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,839	2,854	2,717	-0.5	4.5
Services	21,523	21,431	20,732	0.4	3.8
Health Services	6,282	6,222	6,353	1.0	-1.1
Other Services	15,241	15,209	14,379	0.2	6.0
Government	15,745	15,689	15,180	0.4	3.7

Employer Survey of Rochester MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Dec 1993	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Nov 1993	Dec 1992
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	69,212	69,427	68,946	-0.3	0.4
Goods Producing	13,298	13,717	14,031	-3.1	-5.2
Construction and Mining	2,048	2,337	2,164	-12.4	-5.4
Manufacturing	11,250	11,380	11,867	-1.1	-5.2
Durable Goods	9,269	9,304	9,743	-0.4	-4.9
Nondurable Goods	1,981	2,076	2,124	-4.6	-6.7
Service Producing	55,914	55,710	54,915	0.4	1.8
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,169	2,159	2,183	0.5	-0.6
Trade	14,717	14,441	14,307	1.9	2.9
Wholesale Trade	2,058	2,063	2,076	-0.2	-0.9
Retail Trade	12,659	12,378	12,231	2.3	3.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1,869	1,865	1,772	0.2	5.5
Services	29,908	29,977	29,422	-0.2	1.7
Health Services	19,803	19,805	19,522	0.0	1.4
Other Services	10,105	10,172	9,900	-0.7	2.1
Government	7,251	7,268	7,231	-0.2	0.3

Minnesota Job Growth Ranks Ninth Among States Again In December

- **Minnesota** continues to generate new jobs at a faster pace than the nation with a 2.6 percent increase from December 1992 to December 1993. The corresponding national rate was 1.8 percent during the same period. Minnesota's ranking for annual job growth remained the same as last month--ninth among all states.

- The **Twin Cities** added 30,000 jobs since December 1992, a 2.1 percent increase. Strong gains in services, retail trade, construction, finance, and insurance, outpaced declines in durable goods manufacturing and transportation.

- **St. Cloud** continues to take top honors among the state's metropolitan areas in job growth, with a 3.8 percent annual increase (3,400 jobs). St. Cloud continually ranks in the top twenty Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's) in the U.S. for annual job growth.

- In **Rochester**, nonagricultural jobs increased 0.4 percent over the year (300 jobs). Retail trade, health services and other services are all showing gains, while manufacturing and construction have posted declines.

- **Duluth-Superior** gained 300 total nonfarm jobs since December 1992. Mining was up 15 percent (700 jobs) from a year ago, while construction dropped 13.7 percent (550 jobs).

Employer Survey of Duluth and Duluth-Superior MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Duluth					Duluth-Superior MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Dec 1993	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Nov 1993	Dec 1992
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	51,547	51,757	52,039	-0.4	-0.9	102,079	102,264	101,794	-0.2	0.3
Goods Producing	4,922	5,088	5,538	-3.3	-11.1	17,275	17,402	17,104	-0.7	1.0
Mining	——	Combined with construction		——		5,422	5,415	4,714	0.1	15.0
Construction	1,426	1,529	1,780	-6.7	-19.9	3,434	3,564	3,980	-3.6	-13.7
Manufacturing	3,496	3,559	3,758	-1.8	-7.0	8,419	8,423	8,410	0.0	0.1
Durable Goods	1,308	1,319	1,534	-0.8	-14.7	4,596	4,589	4,640	0.2	-0.9
Nondurable Goods	2,188	2,240	2,224	-2.3	-1.6	3,823	3,834	3,770	-0.3	1.4
Service Producing	46,625	46,669	46,501	-0.1	0.3	84,804	84,862	84,690	-0.1	0.1
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,938	2,952	3,096	-0.5	-5.1	5,686	5,706	5,972	-0.4	-4.8
Trade	12,943	12,829	12,822	0.9	0.9	26,568	26,488	26,208	0.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	2,093	2,083	2,056	0.5	1.8	4,271	4,271	4,222	0.0	1.2
Retail Trade	10,850	10,746	10,766	1.0	0.8	22,297	22,217	21,986	0.4	1.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,283	2,252	2,271	1.4	0.5	3,458	3,436	3,501	0.6	-1.2
Services	16,228	16,153	16,161	0.5	0.4	27,152	27,150	27,284	0.0	-0.5
Health Services	6,922	6,900	6,678	0.3	3.7	11,136	11,122	10,938	0.1	1.8
Other Services	9,306	9,253	9,483	0.6	-1.9	16,016	16,028	16,346	-0.1	-2.0
Government	12,233	12,483	12,151	-2.0	0.7	21,940	22,082	21,725	-0.6	1.0

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	Dec 1993	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993	Nov 1993	Dec 1992
United States ('000s)												
(Seasonally adjusted)	128,898	128,662	127,469	120,661	120,332	118,155	8,237	8,330	9,314	6.4	6.5	7.3
(Unadjusted)	128,401	128,521	126,902	120,636	120,632	118,073	7,764	7,890	8,829	6.0	6.1	7.0
Minnesota												
(Seasonally adjusted)	2,496,706	2,489,155	2,467,424	2,385,964	2,378,988	2,346,126	110,742	110,167	121,298	4.4	4.4	4.9
(Unadjusted)	2,482,182	2,486,545	2,455,258	2,374,197	2,387,538	2,334,043	107,985	99,007	121,215	4.4	4.0	4.9
Metropolitan Statistical Areas												
Mpls.-St. Paul MSA	1,457,768	1,459,318	1,444,827	1,407,348	1,409,789	1,385,299	50,420	49,529	59,528	3.5	3.4	4.1
Duluth-Superior MSA	116,303	116,694	116,409	108,823	109,627	108,701	7,480	7,067	7,708	6.4	6.1	6.6
St. Cloud MSA	113,338	112,605	109,782	107,182	107,768	103,961	6,156	4,837	5,821	5.4	4.3	5.3
Rochester MSA	67,067	67,412	67,011	64,777	65,211	64,854	2,290	2,201	2,157	3.4	3.3	3.2
Region 1	44,234	44,327	44,270	40,599	41,841	40,450	3,635	2,486	3,820	8.2	5.6	8.6
Kittson	2,392	2,415	2,493	2,197	2,259	2,266	195	156	227	8.2	6.5	9.1
Marshall	4,946	4,835	4,752	4,277	4,372	4,005	669	463	747	13.5	9.6	15.7
Norman	3,517	3,609	3,479	3,318	3,449	3,224	199	160	255	5.7	4.4	7.3
Pennington	7,169	7,437	7,313	6,529	7,096	6,548	640	341	765	8.9	4.6	10.5
Polk	15,353	15,480	15,032	14,498	14,707	14,034	855	773	998	5.6	5.0	6.6
Red Lake	1,676	1,615	1,673	1,442	1,479	1,364	234	136	309	14.0	8.4	18.5
Roseau	9,181	8,936	9,528	8,338	8,479	9,009	843	457	519	9.2	5.1	5.4
Region 2	36,970	36,997	35,667	34,306	34,547	32,653	2,664	2,450	3,014	7.2	6.6	8.5
Beltrami	18,813	18,931	18,271	17,728	17,872	17,124	1,085	1,059	1,147	5.8	5.6	6.3
Clearwater	3,916	3,690	3,792	3,265	3,210	3,033	651	480	759	16.6	13.0	20.0
Hubbard	7,927	8,112	7,813	7,299	7,530	7,064	628	582	749	7.9	7.2	9.6
Lake of the Woods	2,123	1,994	2,237	2,055	1,899	2,145	68	95	92	3.2	4.8	4.1
Mahnomen	4,191	4,270	3,554	3,959	4,036	3,287	232	234	267	5.5	5.5	7.5
Region 3	151,499	151,850	152,305	140,967	141,630	140,391	10,532	10,220	11,914	7.0	6.7	7.8
Aitkin	6,024	6,171	5,767	5,424	5,631	5,093	600	540	674	10.0	8.8	11.7
Carlton	14,101	14,263	14,443	13,138	13,374	13,316	963	889	1,127	6.8	6.2	7.8
Cook	3,381	3,319	3,356	3,227	3,163	3,187	154	156	169	4.6	4.7	5.0
Itasca	19,462	18,887	18,874	17,425	16,836	17,086	2,037	2,051	1,788	10.5	10.9	9.5
Koochiching	8,462	8,467	8,822	7,863	7,832	8,144	599	635	678	7.1	7.5	7.7
Lake	4,793	4,738	4,705	4,482	4,413	4,272	311	325	433	6.5	6.9	9.2
St. Louis	95,276	96,005	96,338	89,408	90,381	89,293	5,868	5,624	7,045	6.2	5.9	7.3
City of Duluth	41,792	42,080	41,993	39,855	40,289	39,804	1,937	1,791	2,189	4.6	4.3	5.2
Bal of St. Louis Cnty	53,484	53,925	54,345	49,553	50,092	49,489	3,931	3,833	4,856	7.3	7.1	8.9
Region 4	102,286	103,070	102,051	96,532	98,146	95,863	5,754	4,924	6,188	5.6	4.8	6.1
Becker	13,590	13,510	13,682	12,452	12,521	12,338	1,138	989	1,344	8.4	7.3	9.8
Clay	27,678	27,740	27,362	26,412	26,657	26,251	1,266	1,083	1,111	4.6	3.9	4.1
Douglas	16,338	16,715	16,328	15,584	15,973	15,401	754	742	927	4.6	4.4	5.7
Grant	3,164	3,201	2,971	2,982	3,065	2,764	182	136	207	5.8	4.2	7.0
Otter Tail	25,938	25,970	26,321	24,258	24,675	24,523	1,680	1,295	1,798	6.5	5.0	6.8
Pope	4,954	4,987	4,848	4,678	4,760	4,549	276	227	299	5.6	4.6	6.2
Stevens	5,234	5,338	5,305	4,990	5,135	5,042	244	203	263	4.7	3.8	5.0
Traverse	1,876	1,944	1,957	1,796	1,849	1,845	80	95	112	4.3	4.9	5.7
Wilkin	3,514	3,665	3,277	3,380	3,511	3,150	134	154	127	3.8	4.2	3.9
Region 5	67,674	68,152	65,693	62,447	63,628	60,041	5,227	4,524	5,652	7.7	6.6	8.6
Cass	10,849	10,958	9,617	9,899	10,101	8,536	950	857	1,081	8.8	7.8	11.2
Crow Wing	25,346	25,726	25,014	23,667	24,128	23,153	1,679	1,598	1,861	6.6	6.2	7.4
Morrison	15,248	15,206	15,223	13,950	14,179	13,766	1,298	1,027	1,457	8.5	6.8	9.6
Todd	11,118	11,078	10,738	10,208	10,382	9,927	910	696	811	8.2	6.3	7.6
Wadena	5,113	5,184	5,101	4,723	4,838	4,659	390	346	442	7.6	6.7	8.7
Region 6E	58,198	58,449	58,528	55,303	55,870	55,203	2,895	2,579	3,325	5.0	4.4	5.7
Kandiyohi	22,059	22,064	21,393	21,145	21,258	20,423	914	806	970	4.1	3.7	4.5
McLeod	18,502	18,524	18,146	17,741	17,758	17,185	761	766	961	4.1	4.1	5.3
Meeker	8,099	8,184	8,143	7,400	7,629	7,355	699	555	788	8.6	6.8	9.7
Renville	9,538	9,677	10,846	9,017	9,225	10,240	521	452	606	5.5	4.7	5.6
Region 6W	25,230	25,330	24,314	23,771	24,220	22,855	1,459	1,110	1,459	5.8	4.4	6.0
Big Stone	2,668	2,675	2,824	2,479	2,517	2,632	189	158	192	7.1	5.9	6.8
Chippewa	7,037	7,028	6,721	6,589	6,668	6,339	448	360	382	6.4	5.1	5.7
Lac Qui Parle	3,961	4,021	4,033	3,780	3,843	3,817	181	178	216	4.6	4.4	5.4
Swift	5,178	5,164	4,895	4,896	4,937	4,566	282	227	329	5.4	4.4	6.7
Yellow Medicine	6,386	6,442	5,841	6,027	6,255	5,501	359	187	340	5.6	2.9	5.8

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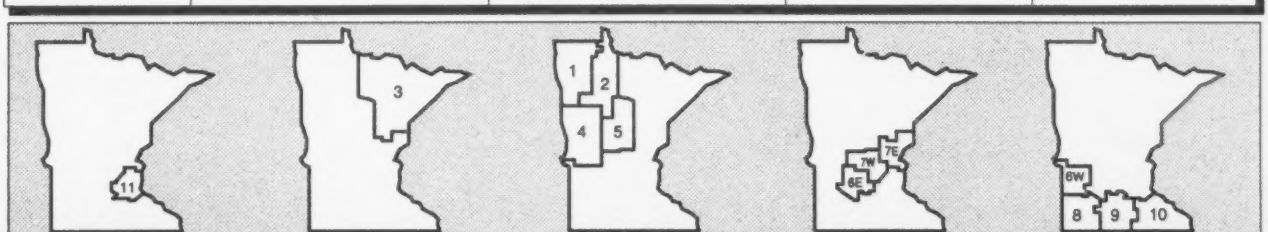
Region 7E	60,984	60,780	58,766	56,624	57,357	54,037	4,360	3,423	4,729	7.1	5.6	8.0
Chisago	16,157	15,805	16,041	14,990	15,022	14,755	1,167	783	1,286	7.2	5.0	8.0
Isanti	13,624	13,478	13,525	12,769	12,796	12,569	855	682	956	6.3	5.1	7.1
Kanabec	6,059	6,095	6,007	5,423	5,554	5,355	636	541	652	10.5	8.9	10.9
Mille Lacs	11,958	11,997	11,280	11,230	11,378	10,486	728	619	794	6.1	5.2	7.0
Pine	13,186	13,405	11,913	12,212	12,607	10,872	974	798	1,041	7.4	6.0	8.7
Region 7W	152,203	150,967	148,379	143,727	144,391	139,933	8,476	6,576	8,446	5.6	4.4	5.7
Benton	18,254	18,089	17,594	17,103	17,196	16,589	1,151	893	1,005	6.3	4.9	5.7
Sherburne	25,411	25,019	24,630	23,697	23,827	22,985	1,714	1,192	1,645	6.7	4.8	6.7
Stearns	69,674	69,497	67,558	66,382	66,745	64,387	3,292	2,752	3,171	4.7	4.0	4.7
Wright	38,864	38,362	38,597	36,545	36,623	35,972	2,319	1,739	2,625	6.0	4.5	6.8
Region 8	65,710	65,585	63,457	62,720	63,186	60,381	2,990	2,399	3,076	4.6	3.7	4.8
Cottonwood	6,887	6,935	6,508	6,583	6,640	6,153	304	295	355	4.4	4.3	5.5
Jackson	5,570	5,675	5,382	5,315	5,449	5,072	255	226	310	4.6	4.0	5.8
Lincoln	3,197	3,108	3,110	2,983	2,964	2,885	214	144	225	6.7	4.6	7.2
Lyon	14,985	14,862	13,951	14,390	14,488	13,363	595	374	588	4.0	2.5	4.2
Murray	4,805	4,758	4,666	4,525	4,531	4,380	280	227	286	5.8	4.8	6.1
Nobles	12,106	12,292	11,915	11,654	11,856	11,427	452	436	488	3.7	3.5	4.1
Pipestone	5,382	5,339	5,182	5,078	5,099	4,883	304	240	299	5.6	4.5	5.8
Redwood	8,214	8,085	7,992	7,785	7,774	7,636	429	311	356	5.2	3.8	4.5
Rock	4,564	4,531	4,751	4,407	4,385	4,582	157	146	169	3.4	3.2	3.6
Region 9	115,425	115,677	115,188	110,183	111,276	109,279	5,242	4,401	5,909	4.5	3.8	5.1
Blue Earth	31,884	31,704	31,540	30,885	30,844	30,375	999	860	1,165	3.1	2.7	3.7
Brown	14,403	14,577	14,155	13,684	14,073	13,398	719	504	757	5.0	3.5	5.3
Faribault	7,422	7,587	7,554	7,010	7,203	7,055	412	384	499	5.6	5.1	6.6
Le Sueur	11,464	11,284	11,360	10,631	10,639	10,397	833	645	963	7.3	5.7	8.5
Martin	11,504	11,355	11,722	10,858	10,788	10,993	646	567	729	5.6	5.0	6.2
Nicollet	16,929	16,355	16,665	16,393	16,371	16,122	536	484	543	3.2	2.9	3.3
Sibley	6,423	6,317	6,425	5,958	5,982	5,932	465	335	493	7.2	5.3	7.7
Waseca	9,015	9,441	9,386	8,606	9,057	8,895	409	384	491	4.5	4.1	5.2
Watonwan	6,381	6,557	6,381	6,158	6,319	6,112	223	238	269	3.5	3.6	4.2
Region 10	241,727	242,156	238,196	231,616	233,263	228,189	10,111	8,893	10,007	4.2	3.7	4.2
Dodge	8,941	8,950	8,754	8,374	8,489	8,223	567	461	531	6.3	5.2	6.1
Fillmore	9,541	9,591	9,675	8,955	9,148	9,057	586	443	618	6.1	4.6	6.4
Freeborn	17,127	17,059	16,835	16,200	16,059	16,120	927	1,000	715	5.4	5.9	4.2
Goodhue	25,242	25,126	24,846	24,319	24,224	23,868	923	902	978	3.7	3.6	3.9
Houston	10,144	10,187	9,944	9,659	9,828	9,425	485	359	519	4.8	3.5	5.2
Mower	19,088	19,141	19,257	18,367	18,542	18,538	721	599	719	3.8	3.1	3.7
Olmsted	67,067	67,412	67,011	64,777	65,211	64,854	2,290	2,201	2,157	3.4	3.3	3.2
City of Rochester	44,708	45,033	44,616	43,067	43,356	43,118	1,641	1,677	1,498	3.7	3.7	3.4
Rice	29,158	29,036	29,370	27,810	28,015	27,934	1,348	1,021	1,436	4.6	3.5	4.9
Steele	17,188	17,275	16,710	16,561	16,675	15,956	627	600	754	3.6	3.5	4.5
Wabasha	8,987	8,951	8,985	8,513	8,539	8,452	474	412	533	5.3	4.6	5.9
Winona	29,244	29,428	26,809	28,081	28,533	25,762	1,163	895	1,047	4.0	3.0	3.9
Region 11	1,360,041	1,363,204	1,348,445	1,315,399	1,318,183	1,294,769	44,642	45,021	53,676	3.3	3.3	4.0
Anoka	149,180	148,954	147,600	143,015	143,318	140,772	6,165	5,636	6,828	4.1	3.8	4.6
Carver	29,437	29,280	29,150	28,432	28,492	27,986	1,005	788	1,164	3.4	2.7	4.0
Dakota	171,210	171,309	170,052	165,934	166,285	163,331	5,276	5,024	6,721	3.1	2.9	4.0
Hennepin	617,543	620,769	612,248	598,389	599,655	589,004	19,154	21,114	23,244	3.1	3.4	3.8
City of Bloomington	55,641	55,871	55,225	54,258	54,373	53,407	1,383	1,498	1,818	2.5	2.7	3.3
City of Minneapolis	208,745	210,228	206,862	201,592	202,018	198,430	7,153	8,210	8,432	3.4	3.9	4.1
Ramsey	271,493	272,230	269,222	263,040	263,597	258,915	8,453	8,633	10,307	3.1	3.2	3.8
City of St. Paul	144,400	144,845	143,329	139,074	139,368	136,893	5,326	5,477	6,436	3.7	3.8	4.5
Scott	34,759	34,518	34,525	33,318	33,389	32,796	1,441	1,129	1,729	4.1	3.3	5.0
Washington	86,419	86,144	85,648	83,271	83,447	81,965	3,148	2,697	3,683	3.6	3.1	4.3
Wisconsin Counties:												
Douglas (Wisc)	21,027	20,689	20,071	19,415	19,246	19,408	1,612	1,443	663	7.7	7.0	3.3
St. Croix (Wisc)	29,081	28,471	28,220	27,644	27,165	27,234	1,437	1,306	986	4.9	4.6	3.5



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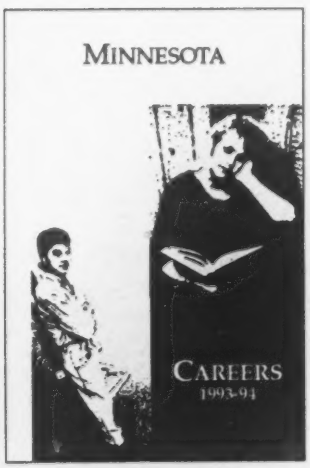

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